



# THE SKYLINE

An e-news blast of Desert Skies United Methodist Church

December 05, 2017



## Messy Church-Vail

We had a gathering of 61 people who joined us in the launch of our intergenerational Messy Church service at our Vail campus. Advent wreaths, Sparkle Boxes, stress balls, prayer and communion, simulated donkey rides, worship and a meal together made for a wonderful evening of activity, worship and fellowship. Messy Church will be offered in Vail the first Sunday of every month!





## Hanging Of The Greens Worship Service and Holiday Dinner

We had a wonderful turnout for the Hanging Of The Greens Worship Service and then we enjoyed a meal in our festively decorated Fellowship Hall. During the meal, we were entertained with holiday dinner music and after dinner, we celebrated with an evening of fun seasonal songs and sing-a-longs. Thanks to all of our volunteers and to all who donated to UMCOR.







## Christmas Eve

The Connect Committee would like to suggest that folks take the opportunity to use the back drop of the sanctuary Christmas tree and poinsettias while they take their family photos for their Christmas cards.

### Christmas Eve at the Vail Campus

**4:00 pm**-Family Service with Candlelight and Communion and the Tom Patrick Trio

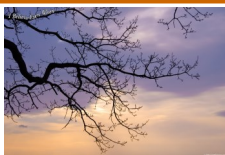
### Christmas Eve at the Houghton Campus

**4:00 pm**-Family Service with Praise Band

**7:00 pm**-Candlelight and Choir

**11:00 pm**-Candlelight and Communion with the Tom Patrick Trio

**Cookies are needed for our Christmas Eve Services**-Please drop off your cookies the week before Christmas Eve, Monday-Thursday-8:00 am-4:00 pm, Fridays-9:00 am-12:00 pm or you can drop the cookies off on Christmas Eve by 3:00 pm to the kitchen in the sanctuary. Thank you.



### Our Sermon Series-"I Believe" has begun and runs through Sunday, December 31st.

The story of the birth of Jesus is filled with common themes of human drama: unknowing, doubt, disgrace, fear, oppression, journey, hardship. The words of an anonymous poet begin, "I believe in the sun, even when its not shining..." In this we hear affirmation of belief in spite of what seems like an absence of light, of love, and sometimes, even what feels like the absence of God. By exploring the first chapter of each of the Gospels in this Advent/Christmas series we will acknowledge the presence of hope through Christ "even when..."

**December 10-**"I Believe in Love"

**December 24-**"I Believe Even When"

**December 24 -Christmas Eve Services**

**4 pm-Vail 4 pm, 7 pm, & 11 pm-Houghton**

**Sermon Title: "I Believe"**

**December 17-**"I Believe in God"

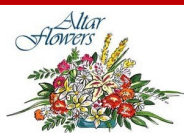
**December 31-**"I Believe in New Beginnings"



### United Methodist Women's Cookie Walk and Craft Sale

**Sunday, December 10th**, will be our annual Cookie Walk AND Craft Sale on the Fellowship Hall patio starting at **8:00 am** and going until we are sold out.

**On Saturday, December 9th between 2:00 pm-4:00 pm** we would appreciate your holiday baking for us be brought to the kitchen for our ladies to prepare for the Sunday sale. This year we have added CRAFTS and hope to have a great many donations for this event. Any type of craft will be happily accepted. Our United Methodist Women's Board voted to send the donations from this year's sale to **The Sister Jose Women's Center**, dedicated to the care and nurture of homeless women.



### Flower Ministry 2018

Would you like to donate an altar arrangement for the Sanctuary on a date meaningful to you or volunteer to deliver an arrangement after services on a date of your choice to brighten the day of a church family member? Look for the Flower Ministry table on the patio this coming Sunday and see Altar Flowers Coordinator Laurie Crawford and Flower Delivery Coordinator Doreen Hedger to sign up!



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Hope sunshine soon fills all your days!  
 Thanks So much for all  
 you did - love, support, prayers, +  
 cookies for Dad -  
 He loved each + every one so you -  
 Tony + Chmi Hartling



As United Methodists, we are asked to be prayerfully aware of the plight of refugees around the world and to offer a one-time gift to support the relief efforts of the UMC.

**We will collect a special offering this Sunday.**

# Announcements

**All Church Clean-Up**-The Trustees Committee invites everyone to come out to clean and spruce up the whole campus inside and out to get ready for the Christmas season on Saturday, December 9th from 8:00 am-12:00 pm. If you can help, please sign-up on the Connection Card.

**DSUMC**-is working with several families to make their Christmas a little extra joyful. We could still use a few more Christmas trees and decorations. If you have any items that you might like to donate, please contact Fred Killion at [fredkillion@gmail.com](mailto:fredkillion@gmail.com).

**Thank you**-Many thanks for all of the well wishes I have received in the last 4 weeks. All of the cards, emails and texts in addition to the love and care of my Georgia family have been a blessing. I am healing well and coming home this week. See you soon! Mary Jo Floyd

**Thank you**-to all who helped adorn the sanctuary patio for Advent. A special thank you to the following quilters who have loaned their quilts for the season: Glenda Burdick, Louis Neu, Mary Lou Metzger, Mary Ellen Dawson, and to Peggy Dunlap for loaning her quilt made by Sue Bishop. Also, thank you to those of you who donated the poinsettias. The Sanctuary looks warm and colorful and very welcoming for this Advent season.

**Photo Directory**-It is time for a new Desert Skies Photo Directory! **Lifetouch Photography will be taking our pictures at the church over a 5 day period from January 16th-January 20th.** To help us determine if we need to request more dates, please book your appointment as quickly as possible. To sign-up for a date and time to have your family picture taken, please go to:

<https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/y7pv930q/>

## This Week At Desert Skies

### Tuesday, December 5

6:30 am Prayer Walking	TBA
9:30 am Bible Study	Fellowship Hall
3:00 pm Tutoring	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm SPRC	Room # 2

### Wednesday, December 6

1:00 pm Worship Design	Room # 2
4:00 pm Loss Support Group	Room # 2
Communications	Candace's Office
5:30 pm Advent Study	Room # 2
6:45 pm Adult Bells	Sanctuary
7:30 pm Adult Choir	Sanctuary

### Thursday, December 7

8:20 am Casa Maria	
5:30 pm Advent Study	Vail Innovation Center
6:30 pm Worship Committee	Sanctuary

### Friday, December 8

6:30 pm Bridge	Fellowship Hall
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### Saturday, December 9

8:00 am All Church Clean-up	
2:00 pm Prep for UMW Cookie Walk	Kitchen

## This Week's Bible Reading

December 05-Mt. 28; I Th. 1-3

December 06-Phil. 1-4

December 07-Col. 1-4

December 08-I Tim. 1-4

December 09-I Tim. 5, 6; Titus 1-3

December 10-II Tim. 1-4

December 11-Philem.; Heb. 1-4

Interested in joining  
Desert Skies UMC?

Contact Rev. Dr.  
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if you are interested!

We are on the web:  
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